



March 7, 2014

**Letter- Expression of Interest
VIA ECFS**

Chairman Thomas Wheeler
Commissioner Mignon Clyburn
Commissioner Jessica Rosenworcel
Commissioner Ajit Pai
Commissioner Micheal O'Rielly
Jonathan Chambers
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW 20024
Washington, DC

**Re: Expression of Interest- Rural Broadband Experiments
Connect America Fund, WC Docket No. 10-90**

Dear Chairman Wheeler, Commissioners, and Mr. Chambers,

This is Slic Networks Solution's interest in receiving funds through the Rural Broadband Experiments announced on January 30th during the FCC Open Meeting.

Background

Slic Network Solutions is the CLEC subsidiary of a 110 year old ILEC serving rural upstate New York. Slic currently provides voice, data and video service via fiber optic facilities to rural subscribers. Slic Network has grown substantially over the last 3 years to over 1000 miles of last mile fiber and 4000 subscribers. This growth was facilitated by federal and state grants/loans. We currently are hoping to extend our foot print further into rural areas leveraging the network the was constructed under the grants.

Geographic Territory

Slic Network Solution's plan in this area passes 121 Homes. Slic intends to offer Broadband, Voice, and IPTV services to the Town of Degrasse in St Lawrence County.

State	County	County Name	Tract ID
NY	36089	St Lawrence	36089492500
			36089492600



List of Anchor Institutions

Schools: 0
Libraries: 0
Healthcare: 0
City Offices: 0
Community Centers: 0
Other: 1

Proposed Technology

Service will be delivered to this area via fiber optic cable utilizing Passive optic technology. This is the technology that we have utilized extensively in our network over the last 8 years.

<u>Residential Packages</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Speed</u>
Extreme 50	\$99.95	50Mbps/5Mbps
Family 20	\$69.95	20Mbps/5Mbps
Basic	\$44.95	10Mbps/2Mbps
<u>Business Packages</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Speed</u>
FiMax 20	\$229.95	35Mbps/10Mbps
FiMax 10	\$149.95	15Mbps/5Mbps
FiMax 8	\$69.95	8Mbps/2Mbps
Entry	\$49.95	5Mbps/1Mbps

Existing Providers

The existing carrier in this area is TDS Telecom.

Project Timeline

Our timeline for this project is approximately 28 weeks from the date of award.

Scalability

This project is scalable in two ways. We can increase bandwidth if needed over the fiber with the use of different optics and the network is designed with growth in mind.

Total Business Investment

\$47,000.00



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Investment Needed

This proposal would require a one time investment of \$188,000.00 to assist with the initial capital cost of the project. It is believed that the recurring revenue would sustain the project once completed.

Leveraging Funds

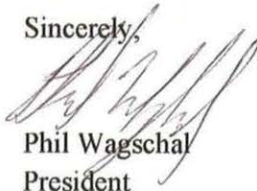
This project leverages existing fiber networks that were established with the use of BIP and BTOP funding. This project will utilize electronics and backbone fiber and will also construct last mile fiber.

Total Project Cost

\$235,000.00

We would like to Thank you for your consideration in our Expression of Interest in your decision for the amount of funding that will be distributed in the Rural Broadband Experiment. We support the FCC in this effort to connect rural communities and are ready to help connect the digital divide.

Sincerely,



Phil Wagschal
President

Slic Network Solutions